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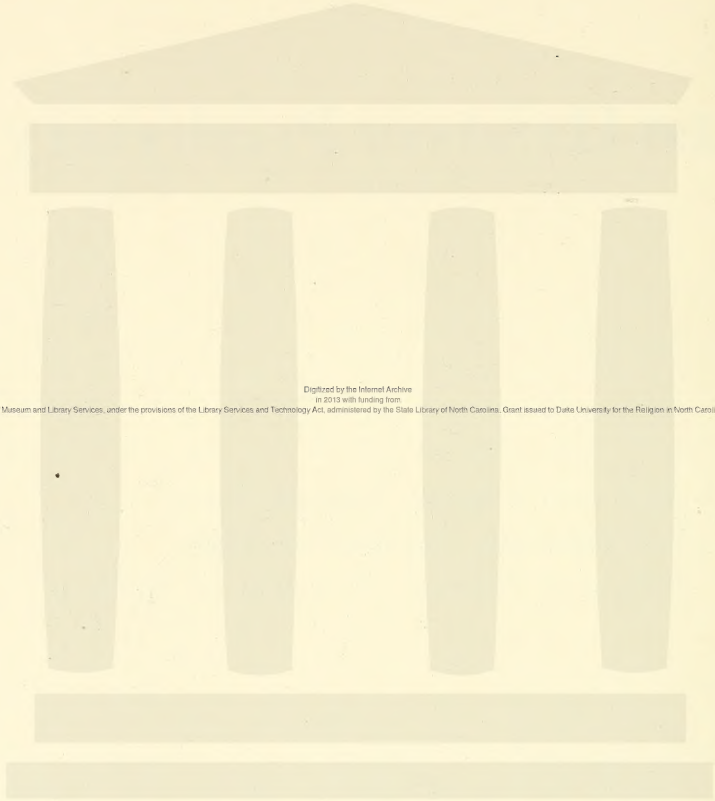

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Adjourned Meeting

July 28, 1930.

East Hanover Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Publishing House in Richmond, Va., at 11 A. M., pursuant to the call of the Moderator. Rev. D. T. Caldwell, the last Moderator present, presided, and the meeting was opened with prayer.

There were present:

Ministers—J. S. Albertson, G. C. Bellingrath, William S. Campbell, W. L. Carson, J. E. Cook, S. O. Coxe, J. C. Faw, R. M. Hall, W. E. Hill, C. L. King, R. V. Lancaster, C. A. McGirt, J. A. MacLean, W. T. Mann, Michaux Raine, Abner Robertson, D. P. Rogers, M. B. Wyatt, D. T. Caldwell.

Ruling Elders—J. A. Millard, W. F. Stevenson, D. K. Kellogg.

The call was found in order, and is as follows:

July 18, 1930.

The constitutional requirements having been met, East Hanover Presbytery is hereby called to meet at the Library Room of Publication Building, Monday, July 28th, 11 A. M. to transact the following business:

1. To consider the request of Licentiate Thomas C. Cook for certificate of dismission to Concord Presbytery N. C., in order that he may accept a call from the Second Presbyterian Church of Salisbury, N. C.

2. To attend to any matter growing out of this.

N. L. DENNIS, Moderator.

Licentiate Thomas C. Cook asked that he be dismissed to Concord Presbytery, and his request was granted.

The minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

WM. S. CAMPBELL,
Stated Clerk.

Fall Meeting

October 13, 1930.

East Hanover Presbytery met at Blackstone Presbyterian Church at 8 P. M. At the request of the Moderator, Rev. N. L. Dennis, the pastor of the church, Rev. Edward Mack preached the opening sermon, in commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the organization of Hanover Presbytery. (See Appendix.)

Attendance: The following members of Presbytery were present (figures following names indicate day of enrollment after the first day):

Ministers—J. S. Albertson, W. W. Bain, G. C. Bellingrath, M. C. Bowling, D. T. Caldwell, William S. Campbell, W. L. Carson (2), J. E. Cook, S. O. Coxe (2), T. K. Currie, N. L. Dennis, J. S. Duckwall, J. C. Faw, Hugh Fitzpatrick, R. M. Hall, J. E. Hemphill, W. E. Hill, C. L. King, R. A. Lapsley, Edward Mack, A. Makovsky (2), W. T. McDonald (2), C. A. McGirt, J. A. MacLean (2), A. B. Montgomery (2), S. R. Prince, Abner Robertson, D. P. Rogers, J. C. Shive (2), G. C. Swedburg (2), E. T. Thompson (2), R. E. Watts (2), M. B. Wyatt—33.

Ministers Excused—A. Y. Beatie, R. B. Eberly, A. J. Hodgin, A. J. Kissling—4.

Foreign Missionaries Not Present—J. M. Blain, H. T. Bridgman, P. W. Buchanan, W. McS. Buchanan, A. P. Hassell, W. A. McIlwaine, J. L. Stuart, E. D. Torres—8.

Ministers Not Present—J. R. C. Brown, O. E. Buchholz, C. A. Campbell, Lowry Davis, Juan Orts Gonzales, J. B. Gordon, M. B. Heizer, R. V. Lancaster, Richard V. Lancaster, H. A. Lewis, W. T. Mann, T. M. Minor, Philip Nathans, M. B. Porter, Michaux Raine, W. H. Stuart—16. Total, 61.

Ruling Elders Present—Amelia Church, J. G. Jefferson, Jr. (2); Ashland, Nat Lancaster; Blackstone, C. H. Hardy; Brunswick, R. Lee Chambliss (2); Burkeville, W. A. Sellers; Colonial Heights, T. O. Williams (2); Emporia, W. T. Tillar (2); Fairmount, C. H. Jarvis; Forest Hill, G. R. Maloney (2); Fulton, E. L. Faber (2);

Genito, P. H. Knabe (2); Ginter Park, J. E. Pleasants; Grace-Covenant, J. Scott Parrish; Grove Avenue, P. C. Holladay; Hawkins Memorial, J. E. Talley (3); Lakeside, R. E. Shore; Laurel, W. F. Stevenson; Mizpah, F. F. Rennie; Namozine, E. W. Allen; Overbrook, W. M. Cease; Petersburg, Second, H. R. Smith; Petersburg, Third, E. H. Turnes (2); Porter Street, J. W. Blunt (2); Providence, R. G. Porter (2); Pryor Memorial, J. H. Fitzgerald; Richmond, First, R. H. Norment; Richmond, Second, S. B. Love; Richmond, Third, S. D. Craig; St. James, J. M. Lacy; Samuel Davies, C. F. Parsley (2); Tabb Street, A. D. Hamilton; Westminster, G. A. Warthen (2)—32.

Churches Not Represented—Aberdour, Bardwell, Bethany, Bon Air, Bott Memorial, Brett-Reed, Byrd, Campbell Memorial, Centralia, Chester, Drewry's Bluff, Fairfield, First Czechoslovak, Fredericksburg, Granite, Hebron, Hoge Memorial, Hopewell, King's Chapel, Lawrenceville, Milden, Milford, Montrose, Nottoway, Old Street, Olivet, Quinton, Read Memorial, Roseneath, Sandston, Union, Wesley, West End, Windsor Shades—34. Total, 66.

Visiting Brethren—Rev. R. L. Alter, D. D., Butler Presbytery, U. S. A.; Rev. J. E. Bear and Rev. J. E. Booker, D. D., Lexington Presbytery; Rev. H. S. Morgan, of Roanoke Presbytery.

Organization: Ruling Elder J. Scott Parrish was elected Moderator, and Ruling Elder J. E. Pleasants was elected Assistant Clerk.

Ministers Dismissed: At their own request Rev. R. D. Bedinger was dismissed to Central Mississippi Presbytery, and Rev. R. J. Black was dismissed to Carlisle Presbytery, U. S. A.

Hours of Session were suggested by the committee of arrangements: Presbytery to convene at 9 A. M.; take recess at 12:30 P. M.; reconvene at 2 P. M.; take recess at 5:30 P. M.; reconvene at 8 P. M., and adjourn at will, and these hours were adopted.

Rev. Edward Mack was given a unanimous vote of thanks by rising for the address he had just delivered.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY, OCTOBER 14TH—MORNING SESSION.

Presbytery reconvened at 9 A. M., and was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. E. Hemphill.

Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Bills and Overtures—Rev. N. L. Dennis, Rev. D. P. Rogers, R. H. Norment.

Minutes of Synod—Rev. J. C. Faw, Rev. Abner Robertson, P. C. Halladay.

Minutes of Presbytery—Rev. M. B. Wyatt, Rev. S. R. Prince, W. F. Stevenson.

Finance—Rev. S. O. Coxe, Rev. G. C. Bellingrath, J. E. Pleasants.

Presbyterial Sermon—Rev. D. T. Caldwell, Rev. Edward Mack. C. H. Hardy.

Time and Place of Next Meeting—Rev. J. E. Cook, Rev. T. K. Currie, S. D. Craig.

Resolutions—A. D. Hamilton, Rev. J. S. Albertson, W. M. Cease.

Certificates of Dismission were received as follows: From Granville Presbytery dismissing Rev. G. L. Cooper to this Presbytery, and one from Western Texas Presbytery, dismissing Rev. E. B. Paisley, D. D. The consideration of these certificates was made the special order for 2 P. M. to-day.

Rev. A. J. Kissling, at his own request, was permitted to study outside of the bounds of the Presbytery for a year.

F. N. Wilson: A communication was received from Licentiate F. N. Wilson asking that he be given a letter of dismission to Concord Presbytery, and his request was granted.

Porter Street Church: A communication was presented from Porter Street Church, asking permission of Presbytery to withdraw a petition, which it had presented at the Spring Meeting of 1929, in regard to changing the name of the church, and also asking the Presbytery for financial aid. The first request was granted, and the second was referred to the Presbytery's Committee on Home Missions.

Change of Pastorates: A communication was received from Rev. S. L. Morris, D. D., Chairman of the General Assembly's

Ad Interim Committee on the Change of Pastorates, and it was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Edward Mack, Rev. J. A. MacLean, Rev. G. C. Swedburg.

Rev. J. L. Stuart: A communication was received from Rev. J. L. Stuart giving some account of his work in China. It was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Stewardship: A communication in regard to Stewardship was received from Rev. R. C. Long, D. D., General Assembly's Secretary of Stewardship, and it was referred to the Committee on Stewardship.

Country Church: A communication concerning country church work was received from Rev. H. W. McLaughlin, D. D., the General Assembly's Director of Country Church Work, and it was referred to the Committee on Country Church Work.

Missionary Congress: A communication was received from Rev. C. D. Fulton, D. D., Secretary of Foreign Missions, in regard to the Missionary Congress to be held next February in Chattanooga, Tenn. It was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. A. Y. Beatie asked permission to labor outside of the bounds of the Presbytery until the next Spring Meeting, and his request was granted.

Treasurer of Benevolences: The report of the Treasurer of Benevolences was presented, and was referred to the Finance Committee.

Rev. W. T. Mann: The commission appointed to install Rev. W. T. Mann, pastor of Grove Avenue Church, made the following report, which was approved:

The commission appointed by East Hanover Presbytery to install Rev. W. T. Mann pastor of the Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church, met in the Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church, Sunday, June 1, 1930, at 11 o'clock, and opened its meeting with prayer.

Present were: Rev. George C. Bellingrath, Rev. A. B. Montgomery, Elder John H. Reed and Rev. O. E. Buchholz. Rev. J. A. MacLean was absent, due to sickness. Rev. O. E. Buchholz was elected clerk of the commission.

Dr. Bellingrath presided, preached the sermon, propounded the constitutional questions and pronounced Rev. W. T. Mann installed as pastor of the Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church. Rev. O. E. Buchholz delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. A. B. Montgomery delivered the charge to the congregation.

The minutes were approved and the commission adjourned with prayer.

O. E. BUCHHOLZ, Clerk.

Rev. Hugh Fitzpatrick: The commission to install Rev. Hugh Fitzpatrick pastor of Namozine and Hawkins Memorial Churches made the following report, which was approved:

The commission met with the Hebron congregation of the Namozine Church, June 22, 1930, at 11 A. M., and was constituted with prayer. Present, Revs. Michaux Raine and D. P. Rogers.

Mr. Rogers was appointed clerk. The commission then proceeded to the installation service. Mr. Raine presided, preached the sermon and propounded the constitutional questions, and Mr. Rogers charged both pastor and people.

Rev. Hugh Fitzpatrick was then declared to be duly elected and installed pastor of the Namozine Church, "agreeably to the Word of God and according to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States." Recessed until 3:30 P. M. At 3:30 P. M. the commission reconvened at Hawkins Memorial Church, where the same program was followed, and Rev. Hugh Fitzpatrick was duly installed pastor of the Hawkins Memorial Church. The records were then approved and the commission adjourned with prayer.

D. P. ROGERS, Clerk.

Hanover Presbytery: The following paper was presented by Rev. Edward Mack, and was adopted by Presbytery:

The Presbytery of East Hanover puts on grateful record this memorial of the organization of Hanover Presbytery one hundred and seventy-five years ago. Order for its erection was taken by the Synod of New York on October 3, 1755. The actual organization was effected, in accordance with that order, on December 3, 1755, in the Hanover County Presbyterian Meeting House. The following ministers were set apart from the New Castle Presbytery, to constitute, with their elders, the new Presbytery: Samuel Davies, John Todd, Alexander Craighead, Robert Henry, John Wright and

John Brown. The elders present were Samuel Morris, Alexander Joice, John Malloy.

This Presbytery gives grateful expression to its appreciation of and veneration for the brave and devoted men, who laid the foundations of Southern Presbyterianism through the organization of Hanover Presbytery. It also hereby records its gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for His rich and wide-reaching blessings on the lives and labors of our predecessors in this and adjoining Commonwealths.

Our prayer is that we may be so loyal to the memory of their courageous and wise beginnings, and so faithful to their and our Lord, that the remaining twenty-five years of these two hundred years of Hanover's service may be filled with gracious and continuous revival throughout the wide borders, which at first constituted this Presbytery.

Rev. Philip Nathans: The committee to which had been referred the case of Rev. Philip Nathans made a verbal report, giving what information it had secured. Presbytery directed the committee to prepare a citation directing Mr. Nathans to appear before Presbytery to explain certain matters connected with his conduct.

Dr. J. D. Eggleston, president of Hampden-Sydney College, addressed the Presbytery in the interests of the college and its work. The address was referred to the Committee on Christian Education for response.

Presbyterial Sermon: Rev. Charles L. King preached the Presbyterial Sermon on the "Seat of Authority in Religion", taking as his text John 2:5. Following the sermon the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. W. W. Bain and Rev. R. M. Hall.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presbytery reconvened at 2 P. M.

Ministers Received: The certificates of dismission of Rev. E. B. Paisley and Rev. G. L. Cooper were found in order, and Presbytery examined them on experimental religion, and their views touching theology and church government. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory. They were

directed to sign the usual obligations, and they were enrolled.

Rev. G. L. Cooper: A call from the Overbrook Church for the pastoral services of Rev. G. L. Cooper, promising him a salary of three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars a year, was presented, and was found in order. It was placed in his hands, and was accepted by him, and the following commission was appointed to install him on October 26th at 8 P. M., any four members to constitute a quorum: Rev. Edward Mack, to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. C. L. King, to preach the sermon; Rev. W. E. Hill, to deliver the charge to the pastor; Rev. M. B. Porter, to deliver the charge to the people, and Ruling Elders S. B. Love, J. H. Reed, W. M. Cease.

Ministerial Obligations: A committee, consisting of Rev. R. A. Lapsley, Rev. D. P. Rogers, Rev. W. E. Hill, was appointed to consider and report on the interpretation of the law of the Book of Church Order in regard to ministers signing the ministerial obligations in changing from one Presbytery to another.

Foreign Missions: The Committee on Foreign Missions presented its report. Pending its consideration, an address was delivered by Rev. J. E. Bear, of the China Mission, on work in that country. The report was adopted, and it is as follows:

The Foreign Mission report we herewith submit is one of absolutely vital importance. In view of the facts to be presented, this Presbytery must take some definite action.

On the foreign field the work is successful beyond precedent. Mission reports show an unparalleled willingness, and often eagerness, to hear the Gospel. Especially in war-torn, bandit-ravaged China the people's extremity is proving God's opportunity. The Foreign Mission Committee has just received a most urgent letter from the North Kiangsu Mission, dated July 11, begging for fifteen more evangelistic missionaries, five more doctors, and three more nurses, and saying:

"In every station our present force is working to the limit of strength. Yet in our Mission are tens of thousands of absolutely untouched towns and villages, a large number of walled cities of from 25,000 to 100,000, in which no work is done, for lack of force to do the work. In one field, within a small area, there

are 5,000 villages, and in only 150 are there Christians living. In another field a missionary from one road counted in a distance of seven miles 256 untouched villages. We urge the necessity of large re-enforcements.

"The mass of the common people have never seemed as willing to listen to the Gospel message as now."

Turning from the work abroad to the situation at home, we note a startling contrast. For two and a half years receipts for the regular work have been steadily falling. Year before last they were the smallest in seven years. Last year they were smaller still. Up to August 1st of this current year they are $16,716 smaller even than last year's receipts to the same date.

This decline is mainly due to the fact that five-sixths of the Presbyteries have been reducing more and more their percentage allotments to the Assembly causes in order to answer the appeals of the more near-by causes in Synod, Presbytery and local church. For this current year three-fourths of the Synods, including the strongest Synods, have cut their allotted apportionments to Assembly causes by more than half a million dollars, apportioning the remainder to their Presbyteries. These Presbyteries are sadly apt in their turn to make additional cuts, before apportioning to their local churches. And the local churches in their turn are only too apt to follow the example of their higher courts. Thus the great missionary work of our Church is being surely and swiftly strangled.

As regards the Foreign Mission cause, the difficulty due to dwindling receipts is augmented by the fact that in recent years the cost of everything that enters into Foreign Mission work has risen 25 per cent.

To meet this double difficulty our missionary force has been reduced from 516 to 425, a loss of 91.

But the question may be asked, Is not our Foreign Mission work as at present conducted too big for our Church? This question is answered by the fact that the actual cost of the regular work for this current year, $1,217,629, is almost exactly the same as the average annual receipts for the regular work for the last seven years, showing that the work is not beyond the accustomed Foreign Mission giving of our people, to say nothing of what they are able to give.

Unless Synods, Presbyteries and local churches increase their Foreign Mission percentages and gifts, the work cannot be sustained. The sharp decline of the last two and a half years has so undermined its support that unless receipts take a tremendous upward turn before next April 1st there will be required the most drastic Foreign Mission cut ever known in our Church's history.

Shall our Lord's work be drastically cut, or our Church's gifts

greatly increased? That is the question for the Presbytery to decide. We set before you the facts and ask for action.

To use a Bible figure, there is your Foreign Mission work, unprecedentedly successful and blessed of God, yet, because of our Church's dwindling gifts, wounded, bleeding, growing steadily weaker and weaker.

Many subjects will come before you at this meeting. Among them, is this subject worth the serious consideration of the Presbytery? Nay, is any other subject more worthy of its serious consideration? Our sainted forefathers, those great men of that first General Assembly of our Church, whom we may vision as seated with us today, put it as follows:

"The General Assembly desires distinctly and deliberately to inscribe on our Church's banner, as she now first unfurls it to the world, in immediate connection with the headship of her Lord, His last command, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature', regarding this as the great end of her organization, and obedience to it, as the indispensable condition of her Lord's promised presence."

We recommend:

1. That the Presbytery appoint the following committee, H. H. Wells, S. B. Love and George C. Howell, to be charged with the responsibility of creating interest in and of procuring a large representation from this Presbytery to the Chattanooga Foreign Missions Congress.

2. That special prayer be offered by the members of this Presbytery and all the members of the churches for the blessing of God upon the Foreign Missions Congress.

J. A. MacLEAN, Jr., Chairman.

C. E. and M. R.: The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made the following report, which was adopted:

The Permanent Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief beg to report:

The following papers and matters have been referred to us: The address of Dr. J. D. Eggleston, president of Hampden-Sydney College; a communication from Rev. Dr. H. H. Sweets; an application from Mr. M. O. Sommers for licensure at this time.

1. The Presbytery expresses to Dr. Eggleston its sincere appreciation of his informing and inspiring address. It assures him of its joy in the success of his administration, and in the growing influence of the college on the religious life of our field of life and work, while at the same time maintaining its high standard of

educational excellence. The Presbytery exhorts the churches to meet fully their obligations to this essential institution.

2. In response to a request from Dr. Sweets that this Presbytery give consideration at this time to the Ministers' Annuity Fund, we recommend that the present time is inopportune for the renewal of our effort to press this important cause, because of the general depression, deepened locally by the unprecedented drought.

3. In answer to Dr. Sweet's appeal for more care by Presbytery in receiving candidates, or ministers by transfer, who may come too soon on the roll of Ministerial Relief, the Presbytery directs that all such applications for admission to Presbytery, as well as those to be taken under care of Presbytery, be thoroughly investigated by the Permanent Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, before being presented to Presbytery.

4. We recommend that Presbytery do now proceed to the examination of Mr. M. O. Sommers for licensure.

M. O. Sommers: It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning to consider the application of Mr. M. O. Sommers for licensure.

Orphans' Home: Rev. William Megginson, Superintendent of the Synod's Orphans' Home, addressed the Synod on the work and needs of that institution.

The following resolution was adopted by the Presbytery:

"Presbytery requests all of its churches, as far as possible, to arrange for religious services on Thanksgiving Day, and to give full information concerning the condition and needs at the Orphans' Home at Lynchburg to their people, and receive their offerings for this cause. Any churches that cannot make their offerings for the relief of the orphans on Thanksgiving Day, are requested to do so in the Sunday school or church on the last Sunday in November."

Northern Neck: The Commission to Visit the Northern Neck made its report, which was approved, and is as follows:

The commission appointed by East Hanover Presbytery to visit the territory of the Northern Neck to study the conditions and make such adjustments, if any be necessary, that may aid in the development of our Church in that section, was constituted with prayer in Richmond, Va., October 6, 1930, at 11 A. M.

Those present were: Rev. D. T. Caldwell, chairman; Rev. S. O. Coxe, Rev. J. C. Faw, Rev. Charles L. King, D. D., Rev. Charles A. McGirt and Elder F. M. Conner.

Several conferences were held by members of the commission with Rev. R. B. Eberly, and with officers of the churches concerned since the commission made its last report to Presbytery. There have come into the hands of the commission the resignation of Rev. R. B. Eberly as pastor of the Campbell Memorial Church, Weems, Va., the Milden Church, Sharps, Va., and the Wesley Church near Weems, Va., and the commission has also received communications from these churches stating the action of the churches on the resignation of Mr. Eberly to these congregations.

In view of all the facts presented to the commission it recommends that the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between Mr. Eberly and these churches. However, the commission would make it clear that there has not been the slightest reflection on the character of Mr. Eberly in the whole matter.

Feeling that its work has been finished the commission asks to be discharged by the Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved, and the commission adjourned with prayer.

C. A. McGIRT, Secretary.
D. T. CALDWELL, Chairman.

The following committee was appointed to advise with and aid the Campbell Memorial, Milden and Wesley Churches in securing a new pastor: Rev. R. A. Lapsley, Rev. M. B. Wyatt, W. R. Hill:

Dr. Lapsley was appointed to visit the churches, preach for them and declare the pulpits vacant.

Rev. R. B. Eberly: The Stated Clerk was directed to write to Rev. R. B. Eberly expressing to him the good will of the Presbytery, and the desire of all of its members to aid him in any way possible.

Presbytery took recess until 8 P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Presbytery reconvened at 8 P. M.

Rev. W. E. Hill preached a sermon from 1 Corinthians 16:13.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 A. M.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Presbytery reconvened at 9 A. M., and was opened with devotional services, conducted by Rev. R. M. Hall.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

A. W. Hoeny: The following communication was received from the Ginter Park Church, and the action of the church was approved:

October 9, 1930.

To East Hanover Presbytery:

Fathers and Brethren.—Some time ago the session of the Ginter Park Presbyterian Church received a communication to the effect that East Hanover Presbytery had assigned Mr. A. W. Hoeny to membership in this church, subject to the approval of the session.

After careful consideration of the matter, this body decided that it was ready to receive Mr. Hoeny into membership of the church, provided he wished to become a member and was willing to make the statement to the session that it was his purpose to endeavor to live a faithful Christian life. Whereupon, a letter was mailed to Mr. Hoeny, copy of which is hereto attached. To this communication we have received no reply.

Inasmuch as the action of the Presbytery, in assigning Mr. Hoeny to membership in this church, was expressly stated to be subject to the approval of the session, we respectfully report to the Presbytery that we do not feel that Mr. Hoeny should be enrolled as a member of this church unless he complies with the conditions above set forth.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. MacLEAN, Jr., Moderator.
D. K. KELLOGG, Clerk of Session.

Richmond, Va., June 18, 1930.

Mr. A. W. Hoeny,
315 Church Street,
Roanoke, Va.

Dear Mr. Hoeny.—The session of the Ginter Park Presbyterian Church has received an official communication from East Hanover Presbytery to the effect that you have been assigned to membership in this congregation, subject to the approval of the session. We have no way of knowing what is your attitude in the matter, or whether you wish to be a member of this church. The session desires to say to you that if you wish to unite with this church,

and if you are willing to say to the session that you are endeavoring and will continue to endeavor to lead a consistent Christian life, we would be glad to enroll you as a member of this church.

With kindest regards and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. MacLEAN, Jr., Moderator.

D. K. KELLOGG, Clerk of Session.

Candidate M. O. Sommers applied for licensure, and Presbytery proceeded to examine him. A Bachelor of Science Degree from Perdue University was accepted in lieu of the examinations on academic subjects. A Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Union Theological Seminary was accepted in lieu of the examinations on the original languages of Scripture and on Church History. The examinations on Experimental Religion, Theology, the Sacraments and Church Government and the English Bible were sustained as satisfactory. The English Thesis on "The Perseverance of the Saints", the Exegesis of Eph. 2:1-10, and the Popular Lecture on "The Kingdom of God as Portrayed in Matthew" were received as satisfactory parts of trial. Mr. Sommers preached a sermon from the text, James 2:23, and it was received as satisfactory. The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory. Mr. Sommers was licensed, in accordance with the Book of Church Order, to preach the gospel.

Stewardship: The Committee on Stewardship presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Stewardship respectfully submits the following recommendations:

1. That the apportionment sheet for 1931-32 remains as for 1930-31, with the following exceptions: Porter Street Church reduced to $1,000; Roseneath Church reduced to $50; Amelia Church reduced to $1,000.

2. That Presbytery call the attention of the ministers to the bulletins published by the Assembly's Department of Stewardship, and recommend to them the use of this material in the education of their people with reference to the benevolent work of the Church according to the Progressive Program.

3. That Presbytery endorse most heartily the recommendation of Synod that special collections for the Presbyterian Orphanage

be taken Thanksgiving Day or on the Sunday preceding or the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day.

4. That Presbytery call the attention of the ministers and churches to the order of the Assembly, directing that special offerings be taken for Christian Education, for Foreign Missions, for Assembly's Home Missions and for Religious Education in the months assigned to these causes.

5. That the ministers be requested by Presbytery to remind their people of the Presbyterian Foundation, and recommend it to them as a convenient and suitable means through which to bequeath or distribute money to our Church institutions. There are four ways to distribute money through the Foundation: by direct gifts, by the life annuity plan, by the life insurance plan and through last will and testament.

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1931-32.

Churches	Askings	Churches	Askings
Aberdour	$ 200 00	King's Chapel	$ 40 00
Amelia	1,000 00	Lakeside	300 00
Ashland	900 00	Laurel	350 00
Bardwell	25 00	Lawrenceville	150 00
Bethany	500 00	Milden	400 00
Blackstone	2,500 00	Milford	150 00
Bon Air	700 00	Mizpah	2,500 00
Bott Memorial	100 00	Montrose	300 00
Brett-Reed	300 00	Namozine	500 00
Brunswick	700 00	Nottoway	400 00
Byrd	100 00	Olivet	125 00
Burkeville	500 00	Overbrook	2,750 00
Campbell Memorial	400 00	Petersburg, Second	13,000 00
Centralia	100 00	Petersburg, Third	600 00
Chester	350 00	Porter Street	1,000 00
Colonial Heights	200 00	Providence	300 00
Drewry's Bluff	150 00	Pryor Memorial	1,200 00
Emporia	800 00	Quinton	50 00
Fairfield	200 00	Read Memorial	250 00
Fairmount	200 00	Richmond, First	10,000 00
First Czechoslovak	250 00	Richmond, Second	25,000 00
Forest Hill	500 00	Richmond, Third	5,000 00
Fredericksburg	3,500 00	Roseneath	50 00
Fulton	300 00	Saint James	100 00
Genito	300 00	Samuel Davies	700 00
Ginter Park	15,000 00	Sandston	250 00
Grace-Covenant	20,000 00	Tabb Street	10,000 00
Granite	200 00	Union	200 00
Grove Avenue	600 00	Wesley	125 00
Hawkin's Memorial	125 00	Westminster	6,500 00
Hebron	150 00	Windsor Shades	60 00
Hopewell	600 00	West End	125 00

WM. E. HILL, Chairman.

Home Missions: The Committee on Home Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Home Mission Committee records with deep sorrow the loss of our Superintendent, Rev. L. W. Curtis, D. D., who was called from his earthly field of labor to his eternal rest and reward on Saturday morning, October 11, 1930. For the past twelve years Dr. Curtis has directed the Home Mission work of this Presbytery with faithful, consecrated and untiring devotion to his task. He was the first and only Superintendent of Home Missions this Presbytery has had. Upon him fell the responsibility of formulating the plans and leading the work along new lines. During the period of his service the Home Mission work has made great progress throughout the Presbytery—perhaps the greatest progress of any period in our history.

While your committee realizes fully the great loss that our Presbytery sustains in the providential calling to his reward of our beloved Superintendent, we bow submissively to the will of God, who doeth all things well, pray for divine wisdom and guidance in the increased responsibilities resting upon us, and dedicate ourselves anew to the accomplishment of our Home Mission obligations and responsibilities. In this we call upon all of the pastors and churches for their most loyal co-operation in the crisis confronting us.

We are unable at this time to give a resumé of the Home Mission work for the past six months. We do know, however, that our pastors have been faithful and efficient, that the blessing of God has attended their ministry, that a number of our Home Mission churches have been crowded to capacity and some to overflowing.

We know also that there are a number of established churches that desire and need very much counsel and financial assistance just at this time. Then, too, there are a number of places in the Presbytery where churches could and perhaps should be organized that give promise of rapid and substantial growth.

Since the last meeting of Presbytery, your committee, through its various members, has visited many of our churches and given such counsel and assistance as it could, and this without any expense to Presbytery. Plans are being made to divide the responsibilities of the work among the various members of the committee, all of whom have volunteered their services freely and gladly whenever they can be of assistance.

We would call the attention of Presbytery to the fact that last year we received only 56% of the amount assigned this committee

and also appropriated for work approved by the Presbytery. Since April the first we have received from the churches of the Presbytery only $3,370.54. During this time our expenses have been $8,800.16, that is $5,429.62 more than our receipts. Our indebtedness to the Virginia Trust Company is $2,000, and our balance in the bank $841.72, leaving a real indebtedness of $1,158.28, plus all outstanding bills.

Beginning April 1st next, our receipts from Synod's Home Mission Committee will be reduced 33%. This will necessitate our churches paying the full amount assigned this committee, in order to prevent the accumulation of debt and unwarranted retrenchment in the work.

Prospects are as bright as the promises of God and the payments from our churches. Let us seek His guidance; follow unitedly His leadership; meet our appointments in full, and all shall be well.

Semi-Annual Statement of Home Missions Committee, East Hanover Presbytery, Walker Scott, Treasurer.

October 13, 1930:	
Balance from last report	$3,355.60
Received from churches:	
Ginter Park Presbyterian Church	400.00
Received from L. W. Curtis, Treasurer	2,970.54
Interest on balances	15.74
Executive Committee, Atlanta, Ga.	900.00
Bills payable (due Virginia Trust Co.)	2,000.00
Total	$9,641.88
Disbursements (detailed statement filed with H. M. C.)	$8,800.16
Balance to credit of committee in Virginia Trust Co	841.72
Total	$9,641.88

Recommendations.

1. Resolved, That in the death of Rev. Lowndes W. Curtis, D. D., the Superintendent, the Home Mission Committee and East Hanover Presbytery have suffered an irreparable loss. For twelve years Dr. Curtis served in this position of leadership with devotion and efficiency.

That the members of the committee and Presbytery bow before Him, who doeth all things well, and humbly submit to His

will in this sudden separation from their leader. We thank God for the noble service rendered by His servant in this Presbytery.

That the Presbytery and the Home Mission Committee extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. L. W. Curtis and family in these hours of their bereavement, and commend them to the God of All Grace, who alone can give peace and comfort to sorrowing hearts.

2. That the salary of Rev. L. W. Curtis be continued to November 15, 1930.

3. That Presbytery's Auditing Committee be authorized and instructed to receive from Mrs. L. W. Curtis all papers, property and accounts belonging to East Hanover Presbytery, and, after making proper audits, to turn over to the Home Mission Committee, all papers, property and accounts belonging to it.

4. That the Auditing Committee be instructed to arrange for the handling of the business of the Central Treasurer until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

5. That the Virginia Trust Company be instructed to transfer the account of Rev. L. W. Curtis, Treasurer, to his successor, who shall be named by this Auditing Committee.

6. That our Stated Clerk be requested to notify all church treasurers in the Presbytery of the election of the successor to Rev. L. W. Curtis, furnishing them his address and requesting them to remit their benevolent contributions to him promptly each month.

7. That the Chairman of the Home Mission Committee, Rev. J. E. Hemphill, be authorized to receive for the Home Mission Committee all papers, property and accounts belonging to it, and to issue instructions to Mr. Walker Scott, Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee, for disbursement of their funds.

8. That the work of the Roseneath Church be continued under the supervision of the Session of Westminster Church until the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, and that an amount, not to exceed $120 be appropriated for it, if needed.

9. That the Presbytery authorizes and empowers the Home Mission Committee of this Presbytery to indorse a negotiable note in the principal sum of $3,000, executed by the West End Church of Hopewell, acting through its officers, dated within thirty days after this date, which said note shall represent a loan of said principal sum made to the said church of Hopewell for the purpose of erecting their Sunday school building, and shall be payable at the bank making such loan.

J. EDWIN HEMPHILL, Chairman.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT, APRIL 1-SEPTEMBER 30, 1930, OF L. W. CURTIS, BENEVOLENCE TREASURER.

	Receipts	Askings
Aberdour*	$ 50 00	$ 200 00
Amelia	50 00	1,100 00
Ashland*	288 99	900 00
Bardwell	.....	25 00
Bethany	211 68	500 00
Blackstone	450 00	2,500 00
Bon Air*	250 00	700 00
Bott Memorial	.....	100 00
Brett-Reed Memorial	150 00	300 00
Brunswick	.....	700 00
Byrd	.....	100 00
Burkeville*	.....	500 00
Campbell Memorial*	15 00	400 00
Centralia	50 70	150 00
Chester*	69 50	350 00
Colonial Heights*	40 00	200 00
Drewry's Bluff	75 89	150 00
Emporia*	250 00	800 00
Fairfield	.....	200 00
Fairmount	127 00	200 00
First Czecho-Slovak	55 00	250 00
Forest Hill*	154 93	500 00
Fredericksburg	283 85	3,500 00
Fulton*	152 00	300 00
Genito	30 91	300 00
Grace-Covenant*	4,520 00	20,000 00
Grove Avenue	.....	600 00
Granite	47 00	200 00
Hawkin's Memorial*	10 00	125 00
Hebron	.....	150 00
Hoge Memorial* (1929, $201.55)	301 55	800 00
Hopewell*	107 25	600 00
Lakeside*	222 80	300 00
Laurel	150 00	300 00
Lawrenceville	37 50	150 00
King's Chapel	2 10	40 00
Milden	37 50	400 00
Milford	32 70	150 00
Montrose	79 00	300 00
Namozine	52 54	500 00
Olivet*	.....	125 00
Overbrook	175 00	2,750 00
Petersburg, Second (1929, $1,255.53)	2,067 53	13,000 00
Petersburg, Third*	146 57	1,200 00
Porter Street	33 65	1,200 00
Providence	125 00	300 00
Pryor Memorial	60 00	1,200 00
Quinton*	1 00	50 00
Read Memorial	80 00	250 00
Richmond, First*	1,201 00	10,000 00
Richmond, Second	898 93	30,000 00
Richmond, Third (1929, $712.33)	2,095 23	5,000 00
Roseneath	15 49	125 00
Saint James*	15 00	100 00

Samuel Davies*	.....	700 00
Sandston	139 99	250 00
Tabb Street	1,515 00	10,000 00
Wesley	.....	125 00
West End	125 00	125 00
Westminster	1,382 26	6,500 00
Windsor Shades	25 00	75 00
Individual	40 00	.....
Interest	46 97	.....
	$18,542 81	$138,000 00

*Honor churches pay askings monthly.

Disbursements.

Foreign Missions	$ 6,361 75
Assembly Home Missions	2,524 61
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	1,217 90
Religious Education	325 68
Assembly Training School	241 73
American Bible Society	108 21
Synod's Home Missions	1,434 12
Presbyterian Orphans' Home	1,060 97
Hampden-Sydney College	682 42
Mary Baldwin College	755 31
Union Theological Seminary	445 73
Danville Military Institute	90 96
Massanetta Conference	79 73
Sunny Side Home	190 74
Presbytery's Home Missions	2,970 54
Edgar Tufts Association	50 00
Office expenses	39 58
	$18,579 98
Overdraft	37 17
	$18,542 81

L. W. CURTIS, Benevolence Treasurer.

The Auditing Committee made the following report, and it was adopted:

The Auditing Committee of East Hanover Presbytery met at Richmond, Va., October 21, 1930. Present: Marshall B. Wyatt, Chairman; Wm. R. Miller and W. F. Stevenson. Absent: C. F. Cole.

The books and accounts of L. W. Curtis, Treasurer of East Hanover Presbytery Benevolences, were carefully examined. Receipts were properly banked and disbursements are supported by cancelled checks as per the statement following. Church treasurers are urged to check their accounts against the detailed statement of receipts made by the Benevolent Treasurer.

April 1st, 1930, balance	.00	
Receipts 4/1/30 to 9/30/30	$18,542.81	
Receipts 10/1/30 to 10/10/30	2,258.39	
Disbursements as per cancelled checks		$18,557.65
Balance as per Va. Tr. Co. statement		2,243.55
	$20,801.20	$20,801.20
Checks out unpaid No. 826	4.08	
No. 844	18.25	
Error in check No. 836	.40	
Due Synod's Home Missions		22.73
Balance as per Treasurer's book		$ 2,220.82

It was ordered that the steel letter file be stored in W. F. Stevenson's office; that the use of the adding machine be offered the Benevolent Treasurer, or if not wanted, that it be stored with the file; that all Home Mission Committee and Superintendent's papers be delivered to Rev. J. E. Hemphill; that all Stewardship papers be delivered to Rev. Wm. E. Hill, Chairman; that all Treasurer's papers be delivered to the Benevolent Treasurer.

H. H. Wells, of 1830 Berkeley Avenue, Petersburg, Va., was appointed Central Treasurer until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery. The Treasurer is directed to continue the account with the Virginia Trust Company in the name of "East Hanover Presbytery Benevolences, H. H. Wells, Treasurer". The Treasurer is directed to obtain and file with the Chairman of this committee a surety bond for $10,000. The Treasurer is authorized to pay the premium on said bond from the funds of the benevolent treasury.

MARSHALL B. WYATT, Chairman.
WM. R. MILLER,
W. F. STEVENSON.

Assembly Home Missions: The Committee on Assembly Home Missions made the following report, and it was adopted:

Your Committee on Assembly's Home Missions would report:

1. That no new data since our last report has come to our hands, except that in the last four years the Atlanta Committee has been forced to decrease appropriations to the fields to the amount of $119,577.00; and

2. That unless the elders and deacons hear the call of God through the depression that is testing our people and accept His

challenge, more drastic reductions in appropriations will be inevitable for next year; and

3. That the only recommendation your committee makes is that our pastors lay these facts before their officers and try to arouse them to action.

D. P. ROGERS,
M. C. BOWLING,
J. C. FAW.

Minutes of General Assembly: The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported the faithful attendance of the commissioners on the sessions of the Assembly, and that there was nothing in the minutes requiring action by the Presbytery. The report was adopted.

Religious Education: The Committee on Religious Education made the following report, and it was adopted. Pending its adoption Rev. T. K. Currie addressed the Presbytery on the work of Religious Education in the Presbytery.

The Committee of Religious Education presents to Presbytery the following report:

1. The General Assembly at its last meeting approved the plan for Young People's Work presented to it by Rev. J. L. Fairly, D. D.; Co-Ordinate Secretary of Religious Education, and the Assembly also settled the vexed question of the name to be given to young people's societies other than those of Christian Endeavor. The name of these local organizations, which are other than Christian Endeavor, shall be "The Young People of the ———————— Presbyterian Church".

2. The Synod of Virginia in its recent meeting adopted the report of the Synod's Committee of Religious Education, which embraced mainly matters of routine. But in the action taken by Synod on the reorganization of the Synod's work there was one matter of great importance embraced in their reorganization plan to which attention of the Presbytery should be called. Hereafter all money appropriated by the General Assembly's Committee of Religious Education and Publication for the work within the bounds of the Synod of Virginia shall be turned over to the Synod's Committee of Religious Education, and by them divided and allocated to the various Presbyteries of the Synod.

3. Reporting upon matters within the bounds of East Hanover Presbytery, following the action taken at the Spring Meeting

of Presbytery, the five district group conferences authorized by the Presbytery were held during the last weeks in June. While several of these conferences lacked the support which they should have had, and the attendance upon them was disappointing, most of these group conferences were well attended, and the results from them were gratifying.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held during this summer, both in a number of the larger churches, conducted by the local leaders, and in three places these schools were held under the direction of the workers employed by the Presbytery's Committee of Religious Education. While this work could have been more extended with the promise of success, yet it was limited by the small appropriation available from the General Assembly's Committee of Religious Education. The three which were held by the Presbytery's workers were Woodlawn, West End, Hopewell, and Milford. The enrollment was large and the interest was marked. At Hopewell, West End Church, 150 were enrolled; at Woodlawn Chapel, 163; at Milford, 99.

Also the following Vacation Bible Schools were held in some of the churches of the Presbytery: Ashland, with 126 enrolled; Colonial Heights, with 113 enrolled; Tabb Street, Petersburg, with 250 enrolled; Second Presbyterian, Petersburg, with 118 enrolled; Grace-Covenant, with 110 enrolled; Ginter Park, with 179 enrolled; Read Memorial, Richmond, with 65 enrolled; Laurel, with 66 enrolled; Brett-Reed, 42.

Your committee is quite sure that other churches in the Presbytery might have carried on this same work successfully, if a little more effort had been made to secure the leaders and to put through the enterprise.

As to the further progress of the work of Religious Education in East Hanover Presbytery, we cannot do better than recommend the adoption of the following suggested program of work sent down to us by the Director of Religious Education for the Synod of Virginia:

I. **Leadership Training:**

(1) An effort be made to get teachers accredited for general and specialization courses.

(2) That the following schools continue:

(a) Richmond.
(b) Petersburg.
(c) Blackstone.
(d) Sweet Hall.

(3) That other schools and local training classes be held, provided the interest warrants it.

II. **Young People's Work:**

(1) That the Synodical Conference be emphasized, and that the churches be requested to select their representatives.

(2) That the Presbytery's League function through the seven departments of the Presbyterian Progressive Program.

(3) That the Intermediate Camp at Massanetta be brought to the attention of the churches.

III. **Children's Work:**

(1) That in all the District Group Conferences the Children's Work be given a place on the program.

(2) Vacation Schools in every church possible.

IV. **Organization and Extension:**

(1) That a committee be appointed in each church to promote the work of Religious Education, when there is not already a Workers' Conference to look after this matter.

(2) That new schools be organized and conducted as outpost mission schools.

The Presbytery of East Hanover has been asked by the Presbytery of Norfolk through Rev. W. W. Grover, Chairman of the Committee of Religious Education, to co-operate with Norfolk Presbytery in their annual Young People's Conference. This will be held at Jamestown Camp near Jamestown Island, the use of which the Presbytery of Norfolk has secured for its annual Young People's Conference. Your committee is not prepared to recommend this step on the part of East Hanover Presbytery, mainly because in our judgment we get better results from the attendance of our young people upon the Synodical Conference at Massanetta. But while we do not recommend the co-operation asked for by the Presbytery of Norfolk, we lay the proposition before the Presbytery for any further action which it may see fit to adopt.

We recommend that the Religious Education Committee be instructed to confer with the same committee from Norfolk Presbytery with a view of uniting in the Young People's Conference held by that Presbytery at Jamestown, and report at the Spring Meeting of this Presbytery.

Suggestions:

1st. That the Presbytery's Committee hold at least one meeting a year, at which meeting sufficient time be given to discuss the work of the Presbytery.

2nd. That the Synod's Director be given an opportunity to meet with the Presbytery's committee.

3rd. That at least three District Group Conferences be held within the bounds of the Presbytery during the year.

4th. That careful consideration be given to the filling of all vacancies on the committee.

5th. That special study be given by the Presbytery's Committee as to how to finance the work in the Presbytery.

6th. Special effort be given to secure the co-operation of the Presbyterial.

R. A. LAPSLEY, Chairman.

Presbytery took recess until 1:30 P. M.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P. M.

Country Church Work: The Committee on Country Church Work presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Country Church Work submits the following report:

A study of the Minutes of the General Assembly reveals the fact that the country and satellite community churches occupy the most productive fields for evangelistic effort. Therefore, special endeavor should be put forth in these areas.

If a farmer has hard ground, stony ground, thorny ground and good ground fields, he may desire to cultivate all of them, but certainly he will not neglect the good ground field.

There were ninety country pastorates last year which received an average of twenty-six on profession of faith and showed a spiritual birth rate of 11 per cent. The continued growth of our city churches must depend largely upon members received by certificate who have previously been received by profession in the rural churches. The success of every department of the work of the Church depends upon the continued promotion of the Country Church Work.

We recommend, First. The adoption of a forward movement in evangelism in all of the town and country churches. A 365 day program of evangelism is suggested. Surveys should be made, visitation evangelism should be practiced, cottage prayer meetings promoted, with an evangelistic meeting covering a period of one to two weeks.

Second. That through young people's work, teacher training courses, etc., special attention should be given to the discovery and training of leadership in all our town and country churches.

Third. That all the town and country churches be urged to use the Standard for Village and Country Churches, adopted by the General Assembly and promoted by the Department of Country Church Work.

Fourth. That our rural churches promote the Country Church Circulating Library, which may be secured from the Department of Country Church Work, Box 1176, Richmond, Va.

Fifth. That May 10th be designated as Rural Life Sunday. That prayer be offered in all of our city, town and country churches for the people engaged in agriculture, both in America and foreign lands. And that a Country Church program be observed in the country churches with a view to emphasizing the importance of their task.

(See Minutes of General Assembly, 1930, page 12.)

M. B. WYATT, Chairman.

Samuel Davies Church: The Committee on Calls and Supplies made a report recommending that, in accordance with its request, the Samuel Davies Church be permitted to employ Rev. S. R. Prince as stated supply until the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

The Historical Committee report was presented by Rev. William S. Campbell, recommending that Rev. Edward Mack be requested to furnish the Stated Clerk a copy of the sermon which he preached at the opening of the Presbytery, and that it be published in the Appendix to the Minutes. The report was adopted.

(The sermon will be found in the Appendix.)

Minutes of Synod: The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod was read and was placed on the docket. It is as follows:

Your committee calls attention to the following sections of the Minutes of the Synod:

I.

Your Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief would call the attention of the Synod to the repeated endorsements of the Ministers' Annuity Fund by the Assembly and the Synod. The representatives of the Executive Committee have been working in this Synod during the last six months, and they report splendid

progress towards the establishment of the fund. We are informed by the Louisville office that they are making every effort to complete the task of establishing this fund in the Synod of Virginia by the middle of December. In view of this we recommend:

1. That Synod urge the Presbyteries to give this matter special prominence in the fall meeting in an effort to bring this most important matter to a successful conclusion at the earliest possible time.

2. That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to each Presbytery at once.

JOHN R. ROSEBRO, Chairman Pro Tem.

II.

The committee appointed to consider the resolution calling for a Synod-wide evangelistic effort would express the firm conviction that the whole Church of Christ should be called back to its primary mission of winning souls and building them up in the faith. The vast number of churches reporting no additions by profession of faith, and the consequent decrease in numbers received by profession of faith, testifies to a loss in evangelistic passion and effort on the part of our churches. Your committee would recommend:

1. That Synod would request its Presbyteries at their next meeting to arrange for a season of conference and prayer in which evangelism shall be the central theme.

2. That a minister or layman of evangelistic fervor be asked to address the Presbytery on the theme of evangelism.

3. That following this season of conference and prayer, Presbytery, as far as possible, arrange for an evangelistic effort in all its churches.

4. That personal evangelism, a witnessing of each and every Christian, be given a large place in the conferences and in the evangelistic efforts that follow.

J. C. FAW, Chairman.
P. C. HOLLADAY,
ABNER ROBERTSON.

Presbyterial Records: The Committee on Presbyterial Records made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Presbyterial Records has examined the minutes of Called Meetings: October 28, 1929, November 11, 1929, February 24, 1930, March 24, 1930. Spring Meeting: April 21, 1930. Adjourned Meeting: May 13, 1930, and Called Meeting,

June 9, 1930, and has found them correct with the following exceptions:

1. March 24, 1930, page 8: W. T. Mann was not admitted to Presbytery until May 13, 1930, but is listed as a member.

2. March 24, 1930, page 8: No elders are recorded as present.

3. Irregularities are noted in the report of Sabbath Schools prepared for the General Assembly. In many cases the name of the postoffice or county is given instead of the name of the church. Several churches are omitted. Figures and statements are placed in the statistical columns, which are indefinite in their meaning and which prevent the proper totaling of the columns.

The Stated Clerk is commended for helpfully having the subjects printed in black faced type, in spite of a few lapses noticed in the Called Meetings of October, November, February and March.

M. B. WYATT, Chairman.
W. F. STEVENSON,
S. R. PRINCE.

Presbyterial Sermon: The Committee on Presbyterial Sermon for the next Spring Meeting recommended that the subject be "The Personality of God", and that the preacher be Rev. G. C. Bellingrath, with Rev. W. L. Carson as alternate. The report was adopted.

Thanks: The Committee on Resolutions presented a report expressing the thanks of the Presbytery to the pastor and the people of the church and community for their kindness and hospitality. The report was adopted, and the pastor of the church was requested to read it to the congregation.

Manual: The Committee on the Manual of the Presbytery reported progress. Rev. J. E. Hemphill was appointed a member of the committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. L. W. Curtis.

Candidates: The Special Committee on the Examination of Candidates for the Ministry made the following report, which was adopted:

Without knowing what was in the mind of the Presbytery in appointing this committee, we have given careful consideration to the matter of the examination of candidates for licensure and ordination, and make the following recommendations:

It is the opinion of your committee that many of the objectionable features of such examinations would be remedied, if the persons conducting the examinations were prepared for that purpose.

Therefore, we recommend that, at a time not later than ten days preceding the meetings of Presbytery, the Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief be directed to notify the Chairman of each Examining Committee as to the number and type of candidates to be examined, whether for licensure, ordination or to be received under care of Presbytery, etc.; that such chairmen of examining committees be requested to come to Presbytery prepared to conduct the examinations on the subjects for which they are responsible; that, if said chairmen are unable, for any reason, to attend the meetings of Presbytery, they notify some other member of their respective committees to be prepared for such examination.

We also recommend that the Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief be authorized, in advance of Presbytery, to appoint some minister to deliver the charge to candidate for the ministry, in order that such charge may be prepared in advance.

J. A. MacLEAN, Jr., Chairman.
E. T. THOMPSON,
W. R. MILLER,
D. K. KELLOGG,
Committee.

Evangelism: The Committee on Evangelism reported progress.

Rev. Philip Nathans: The Committee on the case of Rev. Philip Nathans reported the following citation, which was adopted and ordered sent to Mr. Nathans by registered mail:

Rev. Philip Nathans,
5229 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

East Hanover Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., hereby cites you to appear at a meeting on November 17th at 11 o'clock in the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Va.

1st. To explain to the Presbytery your refusal to give a reasonable explanation of the inability of Union Theological Seminary to verify claims as to the possession of certain literary de-

grees made by you at the time of your registration as a student in that institution.

2nd. To explain to the Presbytery your reasons for having left the city and your home in the manner reported through the papers of the State.

3rd. To explain to the Presbytery alleged financial delinquencies.

Treasurer of Benevolences: The Auditing Committee was directed to require the Temporary Treasurer of Benevolences to furnish a suitable bond, and the Presbytery's Treasurer was directed to pay the premium on the bond.

State Institutions: The Committee on Religious Work in State Institutions was directed to present a written financial report at each Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

The following resolution was presented and placed on the docket:

"Resolved, That the contributors to the Religious Work in State Institutions be requested to forward their funds to the Treasurer of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.

Ministerial Obligations: The Special Committee, appointed to consider and report on the law in regard to ministers signing the obligations, made the following report, and it was adopted:

The committee appointed to consider and report on the section of the Book of Church Order (Section 75), requiring all ministers admitted to membership to subscribe to the obligation stated in the above mentioned section, respectfully report that the law on the subject is perfectly clear, and, so far as this Presbytery is concerned, it is mandatory, and not optional.

R. A. LAPSLEY,
D. P. ROGERS,
W. E. HILL.

Commissioners to the Assembly: The following Commissioners to the General Assembly, to meet in May, 1931, were elected: Ministers—D. T. Caldwell, J. A. MacLean, N. L. Dennis. Alternates—1 T. K. Currie, 2 William S. Campbell,

3 Abner Robertson. Ruling Elders—J. Scott Parrish, J. E. Pleasants, Nat Lancaster. Alternates—1 J. G. Jefferson, 2 B. B. Morgan, 3 E. S. Wood.

Nomination of Commissioners: The following resolution was adopted:

That at the beginning of the Fall Meeting of Presbytery a Committee on the Nomination of Commissioners to the General Assembly be appointed. This committee, having before it the names of those who have represented the Presbytery in the Assembly and the names of those who have not, shall nominate to the Presbytery twice the number of commissioners to be elected. Any member of Presbytery shall have the right to make additional nominations.

Adjournment: After the reading and approving of the minutes, Presbytery adjourned with the singing of a hymn, prayer and the benediction, to meet in an adjourned session on November 17th, at 11 A. M., in the Second Church, Richmond.

J. SCOTT PARRISH, Moderator.
WM. S. CAMPBELL, Stated Clerk.
HUGH FITZPATRICK, Permanent Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting

November 17, 1930.

East Hanover Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment at 11 A. M. in the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond, with the Moderator, Mr. J. Scott Parrish, in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The following members were present:

Ministers—J. S. Albertson, G. C. Bellingrath, O. E. Buchholz, D. T. Caldwell, Wm. S. Campbell, W. L. Carson, J. E. Cook, S. O. Coxe, T. K. Currie, J. S. Duckwall, J. C. Faw, Hugh Fitzpatrick, R. M. Hall, J. E. Hemphill, W. E. Hill, C. L. King, R. V. Lancaster, R. A. Lapsley, Edward Mack, A. Makovsky, W. T. McDonald, C. A. McGirt, J. A. MacLean, W. T. Mann, A. B. Montgomery, M. B. Porter, S. R. Prince, Michaux Raine, D. P. Rogers, J. C. Shive, G. C. Swedburg, E. T. Thompson, M. B. Wyatt.

Ruling Elders—T. O. Williams, E. L. Faber, J. E. Pleasants, J. Scott Parrish, W. F. Stevenson, F. F. Rennie, W. M. Cease, H. R. Smith, R. G. Porter, R. H. Norment, S. D. Craig.

Letters: The Stated Clerk reported letters received from Mrs. L. W. Curtis and Rev. R. B. Eberly, expressing their appreciation of letters sent them by the Presbytery.

State Institutions: The resolution in regard to State Institutions was taken from the docket. After discussion it was laid on the table.

Superintendent of Home Missions: The Home Missions Committee was authorized to survey the whole matter of a Superintendent of Home Missions, and to report back to Presbytery; this committee was authorized also to nominate to the Presbytery a Superintendent of Home Missions, if the way be clear.

To Borrow Money: The Presbytery's Home Missions Committee was authorized to borrow as much as $2,000, if needed, to meet present obligations. Mr. Walker Scott and Rev. J. E. Hemphill were authorized to sign the note or notes.

The Treasurer of Presbytery made a report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Auditing Committee: The Auditing Committee made the following report, and it was adopted:

I.

The Auditing Committee of East Hanover Presbytery met at Richmond, Va., October 21, 1930. Present, Marshall B. Wyatt, Chairman; Wm. R. Miller and W. F. Stevenson. Absent, C. F. Cole.

The books and accounts of L. W. Curtis, Treasurer of East Hanover Presbytery's Benevolences, were carefully examined. Receipts were properly banked and disbursements are supported by cancelled checks, as per the statement following. Church treasurers are urged to check their accounts against the detailed statement of receipts made by the Benevolent Treasurer.

April 1st, 1930, balance	.00	
Receipts 4/1/30 to 9/30/30	$18,542.81	
Receipts 10/1/30 to 10/10/30	2,258.39	
Disbursements, as per cancelled checks		$18,557.65
Balance as per Va. Tr. Co. statement		2,243.55
	$20,801.20	$20,801.20
Checks out unpaid, No. 826	4.08	
No. 844	18.25	
Error in check, No. 836	.40	
Due Synod's Home Missions		22.73
Balance as per Treasurer's book		$ 2,220.82

It was ordered that the use of the adding machine be offered the Benevolent Treasurer, or, if not wanted, that it be stored with the file; that all Home Mission Committee and Superintendent's papers and files be delivered to Rev. J. E. Hemphill; that all Stewardship papers be delivered to Rev. Wm. E. Hill, Chairman; that all Treasurer's papers be delivered to the Benevolent Treasurer.

H. H. Wells, of 1830 Berkeley Avenue, Petersburg, Va., was appointed Central Treasurer until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery. The Treasurer is directed to continue the account with the Virginia Trust Company, in the name of "East Hanover Presbytery Benevolences, H. H. Wells, Treasurer". The Treasurer is directed to obtain and file with the Chairman of this committee a

surety bond for $10,000. The Treasurer is authorized to pay the premium on said bond from the funds of the benevolent treasury.

MARSHALL B. WYATT, Chairman.
WM. R. MILLER,
W. F. STEVENSON.

II.

The following report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was referred to us:

Report of M. Raine, Treasurer of Synod's Entertainment Fund, to the Presbytery of East Hanover, in session at Blackstone, Va., October 13, 1930.

Received quotas of seven cents per member from following churches:

1. Richmond, I.	$ 46.76	17. Grove Avenue	9.10
2. Richmond, II.	58.94	18. Nottoway	4.62
3. Fulton	13.72	19. Petersburg, II.	53.69
4. Ginter Park	38.45	20. Lakeside	5.67
5. Amelia	21.21	21. Read Memorial	5.18
6. Grace-Covenant	85.61	22. Windsor Shades	1.19
7. Emporia	7.35	23. Sandston	8.82
8. Ashland	7.84	24. Tabb Street	31.26
9. Providence	5.95	25. Burkeville	8.12
10. Campbell Mem.	4.62	26. Bethany	7.28
11. Overbrook	17.64	27. Fairfield	3.64
12. Bott Memorial	2.03	28. Brett-Reed	7.35
13. Bon Air	2.80	29. St. James	1.47
14. Genito	4.62		
15. Laurel	4.76	Total	$474.17
16. Chester	4.48		

Receipts $474.17

Disbursements.

Postage ..... $ 1.50
J. A. McMurray 472.67

$474.17

We have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Synod's Entertainment Fund as of October 13, 1930. Receipts amounting to $474.17 were banked, and disbursements amounting to $474.17 are supported by cancelled checks.

We recommend that Church Treasurers check the amounts reported as having been received from their churches and report any discrepancies to the Auditing Committee.

MARSHALL B. WYATT, Chairman.
W. F. STEVENSON.

III.

We have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions for the year ending March 31, 1930. Receipts amounting to $26,605.69 were banked, and disbursements amounting to $25,382.85 are supported by cancelled checks, leaving a balance of $3,355.60, which agrees with the statement of the Virginia Trust Company.

We recommend that the Church Treasurers check the amounts reported as having been received from their churches and report any discrepancies to the Auditing Committee.

MARSHALL B. WYATT, Chairman.
W. F. STEVENSON.

Colonial Heights: A call for the pastoral services of Licentiate M. O. Sommers, promising a salary of $700 a year, was presented by the Colonial Heights Church. It was placed in his hands, and he expressed his willingness to accept the call.

M. O. Sommers: The Presbytery accepted the examination of Mr. Sommers for licensure in place of the usual examination for ordination. The following commission was appointed to ordain and install him on December 7th: Rev. Edward Mack, to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. D. T. Caldwell, to preach the sermon; Rev. J. E. Hemphill, to deliver the charge to the pastor; Rev. M. B. Wyatt, to deliver the charge to the people; Ruling Elders H. H. Wells and T. O. Williams.

Minutes of Synod: The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod was taken from the docket. The first section of this report was referred to the Committee on the Ministers' Annuity Fund, and the second section was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Rev. George L. Cooper: The commission to install Rev. George L. Cooper pastor of Overbrook Church made the following report, which was approved:

The commission met in the study of Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Va., Sunday, October 26th, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. to install the Rev. George L. Cooper, pastor of Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

The following members were present: Dr. Edward Mack, Dr. Charles L. King, Dr. W. E. Hill and the Rev. M. B. Porter, Elders Samuel B. Love and W. M. Cease. Mr. John H. Reed, elder of Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, and member of commission, was confined to his home on account of sickness, and could not meet with the commission.

The Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., presided and made the opening prayer. Elder W. M. Cease, of Overbrook Church, was elected Secretary. Organization of the commission was as follows: Dr. Edward Mack, of Union Theological Seminary, presiding and propounding the constitutional questions; Dr. Charles L. King, of Grace-Covenant Church, to preach the sermon; Dr. W. E. Hill, of the Second Presbyterian Church, to charge the pastor; the Rev. M. B. Porter to charge the congregation; Elder Samuel B. Love, of the Second Presbyterian Church, to make the opening prayer. The newly installed pastor, the Rev. George L. Cooper, to pronounce the benediction.

The church was crowded, both auditorium and gallery, and beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and cut flowers. Special music was rendered by the choir. Marked attention was given the entire service. It was really an inspiring and uplifting occasion. After the benediction pastor and people had a wholesome and genuine reception.

The commission at the close of the service retired to the study and were called to order by Dr. Mack. Minutes were approved, and Dr. King closed the meeting with prayer.

W. M. CEASE, Secretary.

Fulton Church: At the request of Ruling Elder E. L. Faber, of the Fulton Church, the Home Missions Committee was directed to look into the financial condition of that church.

Rev. William S. Campbell was appointed Moderator of the session of that church, until the church secures a pastor.

Memorials: On motion of Rev. William S. Campbell, the Presbytery adopted the following rule:

Whenever a minister of this Presbytery dies the Stated Clerk shall promptly notify the Moderator of the Presbytery and the Moderator shall appoint, as soon as practicable, a committee to pre-

pare a memorial of the deceased member of Presbytery and report it at the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Rev. Philip Nathans: The Stated Clerk reported that, in accordance with the instruction of the Presbytery, he had forwarded to Rev. Philip Nathans the citation adopted by the Presbytery at its last meeting; that he had received the post-office receipt for his registered letter signed by Mr. Nathans; but that he had had no further communication from Mr. Nathans.

On motion of Rev. W. E. Hill the following resolution was adopted:

That the following formal charges be preferred by the Presbytery of East Hanover against Rev. Philip Nathans:

1. (1). Contumacy.

(2). Conduct unbecoming a minister of the Gospel.

2. That a prosecutor be appointed to prepare the indictment and conduct the trial.

3. That Mr. Nathans be formally cited to make answer to the indictment at an Adjourned Meeting of East Hanover Presbytery on January 12, 1931, at 11 A. M., in the Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Va.

Rev. C. L. King was appointed prosecutor, and was instructed to draw up the indictment against Mr. Nathans and forward it to him. The time fixed for the trial is January 12, 1930, at 11 A. M. in the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond.

The minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer, to meet January 12, 1931, in the Second Church, Richmond.

J. SCOTT PARRISH, Moderator.
WM. S. CAMPBELL, Stated Clerk.

Appendix

HANOVER PRESBYTERY.

Address at the Convening of East Hanover Presbytery, on the Approaching One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Organization of Hanover Presbytery.

By Rev. Edward Mack, D. D.

"Elisha died, and they buried him. Now the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha; and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet." 2 Kings 13:20, 21.

On the third day of the coming December one hundred and seventy-five years will have passed since the organization of Hanover Presbytery. We are turning our thoughts back to that event of the distant past, in the expectation that out of the retrospect will come a message for the Presbytery today.

Present day emphasis is on present practicalities and future possibilities. Seldom now do we turn to the past with its memorials and ideals. But in every life there must of necessity be three elements: the past, the present and the future. And memorial, or turning to the past, may be one of the truest practicalities. Recounting of noble names, stirring events, heroic deeds may bring inspiration and spiritual motive power to us, who face present and coming realities. So did the bones of a dead prophet bring revival to the dead body, which touched them.

Returning to such a past we are conscious that the ground beneath our feet is holy ground. Great hearts and grand deeds have hallowed it. And men treading holy ground cannot but hold their souls in reverence, and keep their ears quick for the challenge of those sacred voices of the past, which time will never hush. History was made here and in these counties around us. Prophets of the Lord wrought and spoke where we now move and live. We may revive our flagging spirits while we recount their daring and devotion.

The order of the Synod of New York, on October 3, 1755, for the erection of the new Presbytery was as follows:

"A petition was brought into the Synod, setting forth the necessity of erecting a new Presbytery in Virginia; the Synod there-

fore appoint the Rev. Samuel Davies, John Todd, Alexander Craighead, Robert Henry, John Wright and John Brown, to be a Presbytery, under the name of the Presbytery of Hanover, and that their first meeting shall be in Hanover, on the first Wednesday of December next, and that Mr. Davies open said meeting by a sermon; and that any of the members settling to the southward and westward of Mr. Hogge's congregation, shall have liberty to join said Presbytery of Hanover."

The record of the actual organization was written as follows:

"Hanover, Dec. 3rd. The Presbytery of Hanover met according to the above constitution and appointment. Mr. Davies, Moderator, and Mr. Todd, Clerk. **Ubi post preces sederunt**, Samuel Davies, John Todd, Robert Henry and John Wright, ministers; Samuel Morris, Alexander Joice, John Malloy, Elders. Messrs. Craighead and Brown absent. Mr. Davies being sick, requested Mr. Todd to preach for him, and accordingly the Presbytery was opened by him with a sermon from Zachariah the 4th, 7th ("Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain; and he shall bring forth the head-stone thereof with shoutings, crying grace, grace unto it").

Before the erection of Hanover Presbytery two separate and rival Presbyteries had penetrated the territory now to be occupied by Hanover Presbytery: Donegal Presbytery of the Old Light Synod of Philadelphia, which extended up the Valley as far as Western North Carolina and what is now Eastern Tennessee; and New Castle Presbytery of the New Light Synod of New York, which extended southward from "Mr. Hogge's congregation", near Winchester, through North Carolina and into South Carolina. When Hanover Presbytery was erected there were included in it two ministers, Alexander Craighead and John Brown, and some churches from the Valley. There appear to have been only three ministers in the Virginia extension of Donegal Presbytery: Samuel Black, John Craig and Alexander Miller. These became members of Hanover Presbytery in 1758 when the Synods of Philadelphia and New York were reunited. From that time onward this Presbytery extended southward through the Carolinas, and westward as far as Virginia and North Carolina claimed territory reaching to the Mississippi, and touching the Great Lakes. So that in theory and expectation old Hanover Presbytery covered the South and included the Middle West, known then as Virginia's "Northwest Territory". This large extension westward was maintained as late as 1788, when it was included in the newly erected Synod of Virginia.

In 1770 the Presbytery of Orange was set off from Hanover. The new Presbytery included North Carolina and a large part of

South Carolina. About the same time the Presbytery of South Carolina, which centered around Charleston and had been independent of the Presbyterian organizations to the north of it, came into fellowship with Orange and Hanover under the general Synod. At the constitution of the General Assembly in 1788, or in order thereto, the Presbytery of Lexington was set off, and the Synod of Virginia was erected, including Hanover, Orange and Lexington, and extending from South Carolina to the Great Lakes.

It is fitting that we should call again the roll of those who met to organize our venerable Presbytery. The first in order of enrollment and of pre-eminence was Samuel Davies. He was of Welsh Baptist descent, his parents living in Delaware. His cousin was the grandfather of Jefferson Davis. The ancestors of the Confederacy's President moved into the South through the influence of Samuel Davies, for whom the President's father was named. The childhood of Samuel Davies was handicapped by illness and poverty. He came early under the dread menace of tuberculosis, to which he fell a victim at the age of thirty-six. In view of his frail and diseased body, his wide and incessant labors, his patient and thorough work as student seem almost incredible. His lack of funds, with which to secure an education, was supplied by a special providence. A gift from the congregation of the Hanover Reading House made to William Robinson in 1743, in gratitude for his blessed ministry of four days to them, was given by him to Samuel Davies, who came to Hanover County, after his ordination to pay a debt of gratitude. So clearly did providence both open the door of entrance and equip His minister to enter one of the widest and richest fields of evangelistic service in the history of the American Church.

Mr. Davies was a man of handsome and impressive presence. He was gifted with a voice of power and mellow richness. His passion was to evangelize the needy, but his poise and balance, his culture and graces made him the equal of the highest classes in the society of his day. His ministerial labors extended into nearly a dozen counties of Virginia. Seven meeting houses were erected for him in five counties; and these were too small for the throngs which crowded to hear him. In the early years of his ministry more than three hundred souls were brought into the Kingdom. More than two hundred families were under his pastoral care. In his day Presbyterianism was stronger than it is today in a dozen Virginia counties. And yet, while traveling over this so extensive a pastoral charge, and preaching almost daily, he nevertheless found time to direct the ministerial education of young candidates, who

were to become shepherds of these outpost flocks, or to become missionaries to the Carolinas and Kentucky.

When called upon to defend in Virginia courts his own and his people's rights as honest dissenters, he was more than a match for the ablest legal talent of the colony. He plead their cause with the wisdom of a trained barrister, and with the skillful tact of an experienced advocate. In his correspondence with Virginia clergy and Church of England prelates, in behalf of all Virginia dissenters, he displayed the transparent clearness and the sound logic of a great intellect, as also the admirable tact of an accomplished statesman. Jefferson and Henry and Madison wrought out the final draft of religious liberty in Virginia; but Davies was its brave pioneer and apostle. He marked so well the way along which they moved to final achievement.

Such was the Presbyterian Apostle of Virginia, the greatest of her dissenters, the first name on the roll of Hanover Presbytery. The eminent Baptist, Whitsitt, named him "The foremost young minister of his time". Born in 1724, he entered into life everlasting in 1761, having completed in those brief years tasks which might well have filled the lives of many men. Let us hold in grateful memory that here and in these counties around served this country parson, who was also the foremost preacher of America.

Next in honor to Davies, Samuel Morris, a zealous and efficient elder, deserves grateful recollection in connection with the organization of the Presbytery. We do not know about the early life of Samuel Morris, what his antecedents were, nor what his station in life was. One tradition presents him as a brickmason, another makes him a wealthy planter. This much may be assumed as true: that he was a man of intellectual strength and of considerable culture, for he was in wide demand as a speaker and reader in the great revival in Hanover and adjacent counties. He must also have been possessed of independent means, to be able to build the meeting houses which are credited to him.

Nor do we know just when and how he was converted to Christ. We can imagine that one day as he labored or as he journeyed Christ appeared to him and said, "Samuel, to-day I shall abide at thy house", as He had said of old time to Zacchaeus. And from that day forth the house of Samuel Morris became the home of Christ. When the group of neighbors which gathered each Sabbath in his home to inquire the way of life, grew beyond the limits of his house, he built on his land a reading house for the increasing congregations. And when this grew too small in its turn, he built yet a larger meeting house. It was in this house, built by Morris, that the Word of God preached by William Robinson in 1743 had

free course, from which also the Word as preached by Samuel Davies went abroad through all Virginia. Here in Morris' reading house the Hanover Presbyterian Church was organized, and here also in December, 1755, the Presbytery of Hanover was constituted, for the Pole Green Church was not built until two years later. The name of this noble elder deserves remembrance by us of today. He may have been plebeian in physical origin, but he was of princely soul. He belonged to that godly company of spiritual noblemen, who out of weakness were made strong by faith, and turned to flight the lawyers of the Anglicans.

Among the early associates of Davies and Morris was John Todd, scholar, teacher and preacher, first pastor of Old Providence Church, instructor of David Rice and Waddell. Along with them and after them came a noble company of prophets: Craighead and Brown and Graham in the hills, and Waddell and Alexander and the Rices and Whites and Hoges and Smiths and Lacys of the Midlands. No age nor Church in America had an abler, more balanced, more eloquent group of ministers than that goodly company of Hanover Presbytery's men in its first half century.

Record should also be made here of some of the blessed and abiding influences which went out into all of our Southland from a Presbytery which had its birth so evidently in Divine Grace. Hanover was not the first Presbytery to be organized in the South. The Presbytery of James Island, in and around Charleston, was in existence as early as 1722. This body grew into the Presbytery of South Carolina before being united with the General Synod some time shortly after 1770. With this exception Hanover Presbytery covered all the territory from Maryland southward to Florida, westward to the Mississippi, and northwestward to the Great Lakes. From its earliest existence the Presbytery made earnest endeavor to meet the spiritual needs of such sections of its vast territory as had been settled. Young men were trained and ordained to be missionaries to the Indians. Henry Patillo and Hugh McAden were set apart for missionary and supply work in North Carolina. William Richardson, trained in the home of Samuel Davies, became the beloved pastor of old Waxhaw Church, the church of Andrew Jackson's childhood. He made evangelistic tours in upper South Carolina, organizing several of its important churches. McAden might be called the Presbyterian Apostle of North Carolina. Alexander Craighead, after a ministry at Windy Cove in the hill country of Hanover Presbytery, moved on to a pastorate in Rocky River and Sugar Creek Churches in the Mecklenburg district of North Carolina. From Philadelphia all along to Mecklenburg Craighead preached civil as well as religious liberty, making Charlotte a

harnet's nest for Cornwallis and his lieutenants. Hezekiah James Balch, son-in-law of Craighead, was his co-laborer in the neighboring congregation of Poplar Tent. Cowpens and King's Mountain, turning points in the American Revolution, were inspired and won by the sons of Hanover. Hanover sent the Balches to East Tennessee to build churches and schools. Two of her sons, David Rice and John Todd, Jr., were pioneers of Kentucky Presbyterianism. Two of the Hoges held important pastorates in Ohio, a part of Hanover Presbytery in the eighteenth century. The early ministers of Hanover built colleges in Virginia, and blazed the path along which Henry, Jefferson and Madison moved to the establishment of religious liberty in Virginia.

This is not supposed to be a history of Hanover Presbytery but only a call to remembrance. But before bringing this fragmentary sketch of early Hanover to conclusion, it is necessary that we should remind ourselves of one other feature, possibly the essential feature, of the origin of this Presbytery. It began in a gracious and abiding revival of religion. The young Presbytery, with its ministers, was not connected with the Old Light Synod of Philadelphia, but was set apart and erected by the New Light Synod of New York. One of the chief points of controversy between these two branches of the American Presbyterian Church was the evangelistic message which was being proclaimed by Whitefield, the Tennents, the Blairs, Craighead, Robinson and Davies. In reality, the Hanover ministers were neither Old nor New Light, but True Light. They were preaching with reverence, orderliness and eloquence, without fanatical excesses, the glorious Gospel which saves men from sin and hell. The power of the Spirit of God gave marvelous effect to their message.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century gross spiritual darkness had settled upon all the English speaking peoples. The seventeenth century had been an era of discovery and colonization, of exploration and achievement. Then came a time of reaction, of relaxation, of moral and religious decay. But God Himself graciously intervened before that dark century was half past, to bring light into darkness, and to clarify the heavy atmosphere of doubt and dereliction. A world revival sprang up. Far and wide, in many places, without collusion or communication, there came the Great Awakening. Whitefield and Wesley were its apostles, and Davies was one of its major prophets. Hanover County became the scene of one of the most remarkable manifestations of that world revival. Here men were hearing and believing even without a pracher. To this great opportunity God in grace and wisdom brought his well prepared servant, Samuel Davies.

In Hanover Morris and his neighbors and Davies were well met, and beginning from their meeting house the Word went everywhere and was glorified.

Another dull, dark period has come upon our world. We also are under the shadow of doubt and sin. May we, the followers and heirs of those founders and fathers of our Presbytery, be filled and fired with that faith and zeal by which they wrought righteousness. From Hanover once more may there go forth throughout all the wide territory, which was once her spiritual domain, blessed and reviving influences, which shall bring near the Kingdom of our Lord.

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